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DIRECTOR SPOTLIGHT

by Lisa Schauerhamer

Who is Salvador A. Mendez MSW? He is originally from Iselta, Texas, however he has lived in Utah most of his life. He has been with Juvenile Justice for over twenty-five years. Salvador earned his bachelor's degree in Latin American history, with a minor in sociology and his master's in Social work from the University of Utah. He is active in numerous community organizations including Utah Correctional Association, National Correctional Association, National Coalition of Hispanic and Human Services Organization, National Council of La Raza and the Community Advisory Board for the Salt Lake Area Gang Project, and serves on The Board of Directors for the Utah Foster Care Foundation.



Salvador Mendez receiving award from Captain Ed Moyer /Sandy Police Department and Chair of the Metro Gang Unit Governing Board. Next to him Undersheriff Jeff Carr, from the Salt Lake County Serriff's Office.

Salvador had an eventful Spring, It started with him accepting the position of Director over Early Intervention Services. He was then asked to be the Suazo Social Justice Awards Speaker at the Diversity Conference. The icing on the cake was receiving the 2006 Salt Lake Area Gang Project OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD. In recognition of his support and service to his community, our youth and the Salt Lake Area Gang Project.

If there is a way to support youth, Salvador Mendez is likely involved. "I have worked with youth all my life," says Salvador. "My interest and drive to work with youth who haven't had opportunities is driven by their need for advocates at the same time advocating appropriate intervention. This is because historically the 'system' has been abusive to kids. This fact has kept my focus on advocating for youth." His peers from the Salt Lake Area Gang Project Community Advisory Board recognize him for always going the extra mile to ensure community involvement in youth and gang-related issues. He is also recognized for a willingness to be a part of any solution and to offer his time and talents toward solving problems or issues that will help improve the lives of the youth and others in our community. He is extremely dedicated to the youth of our community and works tirelessly to ensure that they receive the best intervention services available and needed.

Over the last twenty-Five years Salvador's work has included community-based organizations, federally funded youth programs, the Third District Juvenile Court, in the Intake/ Probation Departments and Juvenile Justice Services (Since 1981).

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ARCHWAY'S SERVICE FOR THE MARCH OF DIMES

Shannon Keeney

Archway Youth Services, a Shelter/Junior Receiving Center (JRC) in Ogden has always had excellent and versatile staff. Our staff not only do crisis counseling, JRC bookings, and run a residential facility we are now fundraisers for the March of Dimes WalkAmerica. The March of Dimes is a national organization that funds local neonatal intensive care units and supports research on illness and deformities that still plague our infants and toddlers. Jarret Kelton, a supervisor

at Archway approached staff to participate in the 3.5 mile walk-taking place in Ogden on May 13, 2006. To raise money we sold paper shoes for \$1.00 that people could purchase and put their names on.



We then ordered candy bars to sell for a \$1.00, Archway staff did not falter all 450 bars were sold.



Our final fund-raising effort was a benefit Bar-B-Que and raffle.

We approached several local businesses and retailers requesting donations of food, drinks serving utensils, and items to be raffled off. We were given everything we needed to have a successful Bar-B-Que! Donations came from Maddox, Bajios, Peak Performance, Wal-Mart, Applebee's and so many more. We held the Bar-B-Que on April 28, 2006 from

12-2. \$5.00 a plate would get you a hamburger or hot dog, chips, drink, side dish, dessert and a raffle ticket. Extra tickets could be purchased for \$1.00. The turnout was amazing; We were able to raise almost \$1,200.00 On May 13, 2006 Archway staff, their families and the kids from our residential facility walked the 3.5 mile trail united for the March of Dimes.



Race for the Cure

Denise Bruerton Salt Lake O&A

Saturday, May 13, 2006 a team of JJS employees and friends joined up to help raise money for Breast Cancer research. The 5K race is known as the 'Race for the Cure' This year, the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation Salt Lake City Affiliate estimates that over 14,000 people participated in the fundraiser. The sea of white and pink T-shirts that swarmed through down town Salt Lake was an incredible sight. In addition to the white and pink shirts, runners and walkers wore signs

on their backs that say whom they're running/walking *In Celebration of or In Memory of*. Each pink shirt represents a breast cancer survivor. During the celebration emotions are high as people share stories of loss and survival. Our team of 37 including two pink shirts, team leader Jody Gerber, a former JJS Case Manager and now Adult Probation Officer and her Mother Ailene Phillips. We would like to acknowledge both of them for their incredible fight and thank them for

the example they have set. Our team: Jody Gerber, Ailene Phillips, Tevita Gerber, Brittany Best, Mary Hoffman, Meriska Holt, Craig Kaluhikaua, Janene Larsen, Dan Maldonado, Danielle Robertson, Jourdan Robertson, Nanon Talley, Laura Wood, Patrick Brown, Rickey Brown, Denise Bruerton, Rachel Edwards, David Gerber

Heidi Groussman, Chris Mockli, Steve Mockli, Thad Phillips, Annette Robertson, Courtney Allen, Keri Allen, Joan Berman, Melissa Brown, Laurie Buys, Christina Cline, Connie Frazier, Jenny Martin, Ruzanna Musser, Susan Mussar, Debbie Rocha, Vicky Turner, Brenda Whitlock, and Maria Valerio.



Way To Go JJS Staff!

by Lisa Schauerhamer

As we gathered for our state wide conferences this year a number of staff were recognized for their great service, hard work and dedication. I think we need to take another opportunity to pat them on the back...

--**Marcie Kay** provides outstanding work and service to the female residents at the Dixie Area Detention Center. As a Counselor III Marcie has used her experience that has improved the way DAD works with females. Marcie has also reached out to allied agencies to ensure the girls' needs are met. She serves as a "go to" person with Courts and DCFS, attends multi-agency staffing, and works with each girl's family/support system. She is able to target and conduct detention-programming activities to individual specific needs, making detention programming as productive as possible for the girls. Marcie is dedicated, talented and greatly appreciated!

--**Chad Jones** is a Counselor II at Castle Country Youth Center. Having recently attended ART training, he has taken the initiative to implement the model into detention. Chad is also active in the PEP process, presenting an in-service training for co-workers to help them understand the value of participating in PEP. Chad is always polite and professional when dealing with allied agencies. He presents a calm demeanor in stressful

Situations and is usually able to find a resolution to difficult problems. Chad is respected by his peers and is willing to help whenever needed. He is seen as an authority figure as well as a mentor with the youth he serves. He is consistent in his dedication and loyalty to JJS and the manner in which he performs his work.

--**Byron Stucki** "Professional and an eye for detail" – these are words to describe Byron as the Control Room Supervisor at Southwest Utah Youth Center. Byron deals well with the public, with staff, with volunteers, with parents, with the Courts and with the community in general. The first impression he leaves with community agencies reflects well on the division as a whole. His conflict resolution skills have served him well as he deals with parents as their first contact with the facility. His skills and manner of communication are critical to his job. He handles any crisis situation with professionalism. Outside agencies often comment on his ability to represent the division in a positive manner. Byron is an outstanding employee, worthy of recognition.

--**Rebecca Hodges** is a Case Manager at the Cache Valley Youth Center. She is well regarded by private providers, therapists, police, trackers and the youth with whom she works. She is a true advocate for youth. Having served on the PEP

Committee for two years, she is helping the PEP project to move along smoothly. Rebecca is willing to help in any aspect of juvenile justice and allied agencies. She has made suggestions and recommendations to improve the delivery of services and improve relationships. She also serves on the division Incentive Awards Committee to make sure employees across the division are recognized for outstanding work. It is now our turn to recognize her hard work and dedication. --**Justin Zenger** is a Counselor with the Central Utah Youth Center. Colleagues, supervisors and management recognize him as one who is willing to take on new assignments, promote teamwork, and bring fresh new ideas to old problems. People listen to Justin, and pay attention to what he says. He is well liked and respected for his insight and problem solving skills. Justin has a calm soothing demeanor, which helps him diffuse problems with youth and staff alike. He is a key proponent of teamwork and exemplifies the concept. He is an employee of whom the division can be proud.

--**Jared Foster**, Split Mountain Youth Center is proud of Jared for his exceptional performance as Control Room Operator. No matter how chaotic it can become, he always behaves professionally when dealing with youth or parents. Jared manages difficult situations

in a timely manner and remains calm and in control as he processes the immediate crisis. Staff respect and admire Jared's ability to react in a positive manner when handling difficult situations. They seek his input and accept his suggestions because of his good judgement. Jared is held in high regard, and he can be counted on to do an outstanding job.

--**Ron Martz** is very positive and upbeat about his job. He is well qualified for it, having held several key positions in another state juvenile justice system before retiring and moving to Utah. Ron has been willing and very capable in sharing his ideas and experience. He is well respected by his peers and the youth he works with. He often brings a fresh perspective to the daily problems and is willing to work in any capacity to find solutions. He has been a key contributor in making suggestions to the PEP model for rural Receiving and Youth Services and his experience is admired and appreciated.

--**Randy Hill** is a Maintenance Specialist at Genesis Youth Center. He is known for his quiet leadership, dependability and punctuality. He is skilled in his position, saving the facility time and money by handling many jobs that would otherwise need to be out-sourced for completion. Randy not only does a job well, but he does it in a

timely manner, completing projects on or before deadlines. He is a dedicated hardworking employee who motivates anyone who works around him.

--**Vicki Carver** is an Office Specialist at Archway Youth Services. She is the type of employee that makes a difference for all with whom she works. Her organizational skills and work ethic are used to best advantage throughout Archway. While serving on a variety of committees, she tackles each new assignment with enthusiasm and precision. Whether it be creating the CARE Procedure Manual for the facility or thinking up ways to boost morale, Vicki follows through with creativity, foresight, organizational skills, positive attitude and just plain hard work.

--**Jenny Wright** is a Counselor III at Davis Area Youth Center. Jenny has become an integral part of the Center's team due to her exceptional work ethic. She has been innovative in her approach to implementing programs for use in day treatment at DAYC and has gone beyond expectations with her State Supervision Youth. She makes clients feel as if there is something special about them, and is known for her "fair and honest"

approach. She has a reputation with her clients as being able to listen. In short, she strives to do the right thing instead of just "being at work."

--**Fotu Taelii** is being recognized from Salt Lake Early Intervention. Through the years, Fotu has demonstrated a proactive relationship with his co-workers, as well as with the families with whom he works. Dependability and flexibility are words to describe his work ethic. He is clear and concise as he works with families and parents. He is self-motivated, and one who takes the initiative for any project to which he is assigned. He is concerned with cost effectiveness for the facility. He consistently goes above and beyond his regular duties for the benefit of his co-worker, families and for the youth at SLEI. The division is pleased to have Fotu recognized among its fine employees.

--**Julie Gibson** is a Counselor III at Lightning Peak. She has a creative approach to programming, and brings with her a wealth of ideas. She is known to "jump in with both feet" when given any assignment. Most recently, she has taken over the task of Volunteer Coordinator for Lightning Peak. Additionally, she has

volunteered to serve on the Statewide Conference committee; and she serves as the risk assessment trainer. She has developed a tool for quality assurance that is widely used in the facility. Julie continually steps up and leads the way for the youth and for Lightning Peak employees.

--**Frank Garcia** is a Counselor III at Decker Lake. Frank is consistently reliable and dependable. He volunteers to take on new assignments, earning the respect of his peers and line staff. He is self-directed, most recently taking the scheduling of residents in the kitchen. His efforts are well received because of the respect he enjoys from the residents. Frank's overall great performance is due to his leadership skills, his self-motivation and his ability to promote team building within the facility through example.

--**Patricia Moore** is a Counselor III at Slate Canyon Youth Center. She displays a sincere passion in helping the youth in our care. Her drive to provide sound treatment for the youth has had a positive impact on the whole treatment team. Pat is self-motivated, often looking for things to be done. She has earned the respect of her co-workers and

youth by treating all with respect. Youth are held accountable while maintaining their dignity. Pat was the Volunteer Coordinator at Slate, while maintaining an active role in running groups. She is an incredible role model for youth and staff alike.

--**Angel Makishi** is a Senior Counselor at the Weber Valley Detention Center. Angel has earned the respect of his peers for an exceptional work ethic and positive attitude. Staff and youth are treated equally with dignity and respect, mixed with a great attitude and sense of humor. Assignments are completed with little or no supervision. Youth feel safe with Angel because they know him to be fair and consistent. All in all, Angel is a "complete package," worthy of recognition for his work with youth and co-workers.

--**Angie Spencer** is a Counselor II at the Wasatch Youth Center. She is known for her ability to conduct herself professionally, her willingness to be involved in any task, and for her exceptional service to the division. Angie is task oriented, has a warm but firm style, and is able to work effectively in any situation. Her quiet ways engage the youth, and she is a central organizer in her unit.

She makes sound decisions and applies herself wholeheartedly to any job. Angie is a team player, approachable and tries her best daily to improve the services at Wasatch. **--Emily Scoffield** is a Case Manager at the Orem Case Management Office. She has become the most experienced employee on staff at conducting PRA's. As such, she has trained staff both in a general training session and individually, acting as lead consultant on the project. Emily always has a smile on her face, exuding a positive influence in the office. Paperwork and reports are current, and there is never a complaint from a parent, provider or Courts about her work or business relationships. In short, her impact on the office has been positive and she influences all to be better. **--Brian Parkinson** – Over the past eight years, Brian has been a dedicated staff member for the division. He is currently a Senior Counselor at Mill Creek Youth Center, where he has demonstrated a unique ability to build positive alliances with kids. He creates an atmosphere of motivation and change while holding kids accountable. His enthusiasm

to work with clients is a motivation to others, and is contagious with his peers. Brian's co-workers enjoy him, often seeking him out for advice and guidance. He is an outstanding family group facilitator. He brings harmony to the facility, and he is conscientious in anything he undertakes. His high standards and integrity are obvious. **--Scott Campbell** is a Counselor III at Salt Lake Case Management, Scott is a person trusted to make educated decisions. He has been instrumental in setting up the new case management office in Tooele. Scott consistently represents the division values and has trained other division staff to do the same, including a second case manager in the Tooele area. He is a fine example of dedicated case management and has one of the highest completed PRA rates in the office. Outside agencies (Courts, Probation, etc) acknowledge Scott as an exemplary case manager, one worthy of recognition. The division agrees and honors his exceptional work ethic. **--Angie Van Drimmelen** is currently a Counselor II in Ogden O&A. She has been with the division for eight years, with the last five years spent at the

Observation and Assessment unit. During that time, she has continually shown excellence in job duties, and has exhibited integrity as a staff member. She continually exceeds expectations whether it is through training new staff or organizing the filing system for PEP pre/post testing. She has voluntarily taken on the responsibility of maintaining the green houses, conducting horticulture groups with residents, and establishing service projects in the community. Angie is an incredible resource to the division. **--Jantz Afuvai** has worked as an investigator in the Division's Internal investigations Unit for the past two years, and worked closely with division administration. Recently he has taken the lead in the Investigations Unit during the extended leave of his supervisor, Tara Jorgenson. In addition to being short handed, the unit has had to work on some of the most difficult types of reviews. Through it all, Jantz continues to perform at the highest level, and is regarded as a consummate professional.

--Jordan Gray is a UCAP Counselor for the past 2 ½ years, Jordan is consistent in his demonstration and great concern for the youth in the program. His desire to be a good role model is evident. He is a diligent employee, one who prides himself on a job well done. Whether it is through spending quality one-on-one time with clients, or as he deals with staff and private providers, He is well respected at UCAP and is a credit to the division. **--Keri Allen** has worked in a variety of positions during her time with the division. At the time of this award she is an Accounting Tech III for the Administrative financial unit of the Office of Community Programs. Throughout her career with the division she has been a high performer. She is a hard worker and stays on task until the job is done. She often volunteers to help others in the office when short-handed. Over the past few years, she has willingly assisted with the Office of Early Intervention. The financial office is a better place due to her input and full participation. She upholds the policies and procedures of the division, and serves well in whatever capacity she's assigned.

--Erik Bouchard - Whether he's being observed or not, Erik makes sure his job as a Counselor II at Project Paramount is completed with integrity. He is a role model for staff and youth in his ability to find ideas and methods to remedy any situation. His sense of humor and enthusiasm are contagious. He takes the lead to rectify situations after identifying problem areas, and is consistently looking out for the best interest of the youth. Erik is fully aware of the division's initiatives and program rules. He shares his knowledge and desire to achieve the high standards the division has set. He continues to display teamwork in all he undertakes, and is an example on a daily basis to his co-workers. **--Denise Bruerton** is a Counselor III for Salt Lake O&A female unit. Denise takes her role as an advocate seriously, and is therefore a strong role model for the young women with whom she is working. She is well liked and respected by co-workers, and is known as a team player and a real "go-getter." She fulfills the functions of her position and adheres to the division's rules. She is eager to try new things, and constantly finds ways to enhance her job performance. Denise has been

instrumental in coordinating the O&A Volunteer Banquet, putting much time and energy into the planning and execution of the event. Without complaint and with little direction, Denise is always looking at ways to improve the program while providing cost effective ideas. **--Trevor Allen** is an exceptional employee at Springville O&A. His rapport with youth and parents is admirable, and he is able to assist youth in seeing the "big picture." He has a quiet calmness about him that allows him to work well with hostile families. He serves as a leader and mentor to those around him. He continually looks for ways to help the youth better understand the problems they're facing. He is willing to go "above and beyond" to achieve the goals at hand. No job is too small to undertake. Whether it is fixing dinner for Parent's Night or covering shifts for co-workers, Trevor is the kind of employee the division considers outstanding. **--Erik Holdaway**-Exceeding the scope of his regular job expectations is something Erik does every day as a Counselor III at ICAP. He fully understands the direction of the program, and carries the plan out to per

fection. Erik connects with both youth and their families. He spends countless hours helping youth understand how to best integrate themselves back into society. He has a respect for all, no matter what culture or economic status. His obvious commitment to assuring transition from secure care back into the community is evidenced in every aspect of his programming. Erik is a great leader and tremendous asset to the ICAP program in particular, and to the division as a whole. **--Emmett White** has been with JJS for over 25 years, most recently serving as a Counselor III in Ogden Case Management, with a female case load. Emmett arrives at work a half hour early on a regular basis. His work ethic is unequalled. He has found the perfect balance between service provider, overseer of services and community protector by developing a style that supports youth in rehabilitation while holding them accountable. Emmett's history is an invaluable resource that helps guide the northern

region as they approach improvements or new initiatives. He is a great example to youth and staff alike.

**Want to Brag
About Your
Staff or an
Event?**

Have News?

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Volunteer?**

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SERVICE ACROSS THE WORLD....



“With convoys and security for military personnel, it is difficult to publicize the on going operations in the Middle East, but one soldier, he had another mission. SGT. James Manchego was sent 25 Pine Wood Derby cars made by the Davis Area Youth

Center in Sunset Utah. James and his convoy were able to secure a site where some of the youth of Iraq could receive the gifts from the youth of Utah. From the time the convoy pulled up, James and other soldiers were overwhelmed with the joyous Iraqi youth as they ran and jumped for the attention of the Americans. As James was handing out the cars, he was filled with joy as the kids cheered and laughed. With a broken accent from a small Iraqi girl, ‘Thank You!’ is heard over the car noises and laughter.

We were happy to lend a hand to the Iraqi kids and hand out the toy cars from the youth in Utah” said James when he emailed the staff at the DAY Center. “They crowded us so quickly we couldn’t hand the cars out fast enough.”

It is comforting to know what our soldiers are doing on their off time and how we in Utah are contributing to the War in Iraq.



CELEBRATE VOLUNTEERS

Along with our great staff we have some outstanding volunteers that come to our programs statewide to help the youth.

MENTOR OF THE YEAR

On April 27th, Governor John Huntsman Jr. Signed an official declaration for Mentor Awareness and awarded this year’s Mentors of Year Awards. JJS had two of the four recipients. “**BRENT WHEELER** is a clergy volunteer at Weber Valley Detention Center with the LDS Church. He is very dedicated to the youth and has been know to spend as many as 10 hours a week at the facility. In addition to services Brent facilitates an

Employment Skills Group. This past summer Brent played a key role in organizing a summer program for our residents,” says Katie Williams, “They had daily life skills groups, guest speakers, and various other groups. He has also coordinated several barbecues and dinners for the residents.” Brent has been very helpful with donations and additional volunteers for the program. He is respected by staff and residents and is supportive of both. Katie says that Brent has always gone the extra mile and nominated him for Mentor of the year to show appreciation for all that he has done for the youth, staff and the facility over the past

t w o y e a r s .

“**JAY MALLETT** has been working with residents of Decker Lake Youth Center for the past five years. Mr. Mallett from the onset of his volunteering has always been willing to speak, discuss and accept any of the residents that are more than willing to allow him to interact with them. He has attended Parole hearings with the youth. He has provided life lessons. Mr. Mallett’s weekly and sometimes daily visits to the youth has made a difference in their lives,” says Ernest Akimseu. He has tutored, mentored and also helped bring other volunteers into the Decker Lake Facility to help the youth..

CANYONLANDS
YOUTH CENTER
honors
DR. James Redd
--Karen Slavens--

The Canyonlands Youth Center in Blanding recently honored Dr. James Redd for his years of volunteer service. Mel Laws, Center Director, presented Redd with a plaque, during a brief ceremony Thursday, April 27, 2006. The plaque reads: ***In recognition and appreciation of your outstanding service and commitment to the youth at the Canyonlands Youth Center. Thanks for making a difference.*** Laws said, “Redd has been a faithful volunteer at the center for many years, working with youth and

providing a positive role model.”

“Volunteers are a vital part of the Canyonlands Youth Center program. Through volunteer programs the youth at the center see that people do care about them, youth are provided many diverse opportunities.” Laws said “The youth at the center benefit daily from the generosity of volunteers who donate many volunteer hours, sharing their time and talents.



Canyonlands Youth Center honoree...
Dr. James Redd (R) receives an award from Canyonlands Youth Center Director Mel Laws during a ceremony last week. Staff photo

Mel Laws (R) presenting plaque to Dr. James Redd (L) for his outstanding volunteer service at Canyonlands .

Dr. Reed,” Laws stressed “has been among the most generous volunteers at the center, and his efforts are greatly appreciated.

Senior Volunteer Serves Detention Center Youth

On April 17, 2006 at the Provo Marriott Hotel Dorothy Carrasco was awarded the Silver Bowl Award.

She was also written up in the Daily Herald on June 10, 2006. Dorothy has been volunteering at Slate Canyon Youth Center for the last nine years. Her reason: “I enjoy the community I live in,” Carrasco said, “My kids have benefited from all the good people here, and I want to contribute to the community as well.”

Each week she meets with the boys and girls at Slate Canyon to teach life skills. She wants them to understand that they are loved and important.

Carrasco said “That when she visits the girls in detention she likes to take them a 100 Grand candy bar. she explains that if it represented \$100,000 it would not even be a fraction of their individual worth.”

Carrasco also teaches a culture class where the kids are taught to respect all races and cultures.

“Volunteering

with the youth makes it more personal for me,” Carrasco said, “My childhood was hard. I had my own struggles and difficulties.”

She feels that her service is keeping her alive.

Carrasco wishes more seniors would volunteer with the youth as seniors have so much to offer.

Hip Hip Hooray!

Maria Ponce

Ice cream sundaes and free style rappers were a small way of saying thank you to the dedicated volunteers at the Salt Lake Observation and Assessment Center on March 1, 2006. The O&A staff and youth decorated the facility with tablecloths, balloons, and a buffet of appetizers.

However, the main attraction was the appreciation ceremony where the youth performed and the staff acknowledged the work and energy put forth by the volunteers. At the end of their performances the boys presented two volunteers with homemade quilts that they made with special thank you messages stitched in for a sentimental reminder that each youth does recognize their time spent with them. The girls also presented two volunteers with hand stitched pillows that also expressed their gratitude. The volunteers left the facility not only with full bellies and a cozy blanket but the realization that giving their time and energy does touch many lives and in turn inspires the youth that service is a gift not an obligation.



JJS Art Contest

Lisa Schauerhamer

"Art has the power to help us think and feel our way to the heart of what it means to be human"
Mark Shea Edwards

In April we announced a Statewide Art contest with JJS youth in facilities. The theme is "This has meaning in my life because...."

This is the second DHS client art contest. Last year was residents 60 and older. It was a huge success. We are expecting equally great results this year.

John Ortiz of JJS has been kicking off the contest at various facilities around the state. The contest consists of three parts 1. The introduction of "Tap the Talent" and the contest. 2. The judging on a facility level and finally 3. The State office judging of the facility winners.

"John Ortiz shared his passion, talent, and knowledge of art. His presentation was extremely well done, and held the interest of his captive audience, the young females at Paramount Reflections," said Debora Torman, staff at Paramount. "The Comic world was his presentation, reining from super hero's to creatures from the past.



His knowledge of the history of comics was very intriguing. Debora and the kids at Paramount thank John for taking the time to share his love for art and for helping motivate them.

"Tap the Talent" allows the residents to explore all of the creative processes in to what makes writing and art work as a viable paying profession and medium of communication." says Patrick Burton, Staff at Decker Lake. "The residents learn the discipline it takes to write, draw, market and show case their work--much like in the actual work process. Plus, the residents get into the creative process and are only limited by

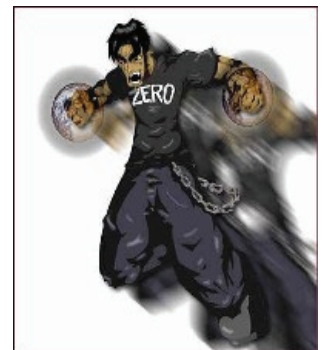
their imagination." Sosie Bouchard, staff at Mill Creek Youth Center, reports "I think it has been a great experience for our kids here at Millcreek. We have an awesome art teacher who's assisting our kids with their art work. Our art teacher had also invited a professional artist to speak to the kids and offered them some suggestions and ideas to help them take their art work to the next

level. The kids participating in the contest have expressed that it's been beneficial for them because before they were drawing just to draw and most of their drawings were either affiliations of unpleasant memories or constitution of things that are meaningless. Now, they draw because it's fun, and that they feel that the cartoonist drawings of themselves has given them some sense of humor and better understanding of art. Some of them are also hoping that this experience could help provide them with a better future. Look out Hollywood!!!"

John still has openings for participants in the contest. For more information contact Lisa Schauerhamer at lschauer@utah.gov.



John Ortiz at Paramount Reflections



November 17, 2005

Juvenile Justice
Randy Blatnik
3520 South 700 West
Salt Lake City, Utah 84119



Dear Randy,

I want to thank you for the work you have done with my son. I also want you to know that I really appreciate your sincere concern with balancing his needs with your concern with the effect he might have on the community.

Over the years we have dealt with over 11 different treatment programs. Some were private programs before our son's involvement with Youth Corrections. I have had the opportunity to see numerous counselors, therapists, and other social workers and how they operate. You stand out in my mind because of your sincerity, professionalism and willingness to take an objective look at situations even when under what seems some political pressure from within the "system." When our son needed someone to advocate for him and everyone else was eager to get rid of him you kept yourself involved and available. I was extremely impressed with the fact that while you were out of town on vacation you continued to check and follow-up on what was happening in a timely fashion even on the weekends.

As you know, our son is having a difficult time and is highly at risk of not making it on his own not only statistically but also in fact. We hope and pray he learned the skills he needs to survive in the real world. I know all of the personnel who were involved with him at Decker Lake worked hard and were frustrated. I believe ICAP was a very necessary step for transition from corrections to society and hope it continues to be a resource for others.

If there is ever a time I can be of service to you let me know. I wish you the very best in both your professional and personal life.

Sincerely,

Ron

MILLCREEK YOUTH CENTER CHAPEL DEDICATION

--Jill Merritt

May 24, 2006 was a Human Services representative day to remember for Mill Creek Youth Center. As ecclesiastical leaders, architects, contractors, volunteers, Department of

Human Services representatives, Juvenile Justice Services employees, friends, family and youth joined together to celebrate the official dedication



of the Mill Creek Youth Center's new, Multi Faith Chapel.

The long awaited chapel represents a coming together of many faiths; to pro

vide a place of peace, refuge and spiritual reflection to youth who reside in the center. "I believe spirituality is the path to empathy." Said Lisa-Michele Church, Executive Director, Department of Human Services,



"Making amends in the community is linked to understanding the harm one has caused. Therefore, we extend gratitude to our friends from the ecclesiastical community who offer their time to work with our clients. All of the hours donated by those volunteers can be directly connected to the overall success of our youth."

Mill Creek Chior



A resident of Mill Creek Youth Center expressed similar thoughts when he said, "I just want to thank everyone that participated and donated funds to the Mill Creek Chapel. It's a real honor to have a place to worship God. Not every correctional facility has a chapel. We are grateful for the opportunity to participate in this wonderful occasion. Once again I would like to thank all the wonderful people who donated their money, time and energy."

Th Mill Creek Chapel was made possible by the hard work and dedication of an army of volunteers and many, many, generous donations.



Rachel Paunic (top)

Rebecca Richards
(Bottom)



Throughout the evening guests were treated to performances by the Mill Creek Youth Choir and Cultural Dancers.



We enjoyed comments from Lisa-Michele Church, Marty Mendenhall, (Superintendent, Millcreek Youth Center), Curt Bloxham (Chair, Mill Creek Chapel Fund), Presidents Steve Griffin and Brad Orton (The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints), Rebeca Richards (Wife of the late Brett Richards, Architect), Rachel Paunic (representing the Arceneuax Family), Reverend Robert Hall (New Zion Baptist Church), with prayers provided by Father Erik Richtsteig (St. James Catholic Church and John Della-Ratta (Rose of Sharon Ministries). The evening concluded with a reception and delicious meal prepared by Mill Creek Staff.



The event also was an opportunity to share thanks with the volunteers that give so much time to the youth at mill Creek Youth Center.

SIDE NOTE

An interesting side note about the design of the Chapel. as you enter there is a curved wall representing the path that the youth are on now. Then a window that lets in the light representing the spiritual growth and the touch of the vounteers, staff and others that influence a youth. Then the wall straightens out to represent tha straight path that they can get to.

If you are in the neighborhood. Make arrangements and visit this beautiful Chapel.

MOUNTAINLANDS



Athletic League Twelfth Annual Golf Scramble 2006

Now is the time to register for the 2006 Golf Scramble.

The money raised by this event goes toward officiating, equipment, trophies, and T-shirts. Mountainlands Athletic League provides opportunities for youth in the custody of Juvenile Justice Services to participate in team sports. It teaches social skills, builds self-esteem, and provides alternatives to substance abuse and other anti-social activities.

The Golf Scramble will take place

Friday, August 25th at 9:00 AM at Spanish Oaks Golf Course.

Registration will be from 8:00 AM to *:45 AM

Shot Gun start 9:00 AM sharp

There will be a barbecue after the scramble at the Lion's Pavilion.

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, closest to the hole, and longest drive

There will be the Money Jar Raffle again this year; It is \$1.00 per ticket. With your entry fee you are eligible for all the other great prizes we have this year.

REGISTRATION FEES ARE DUE August 20, 2006. Price is \$55.00 per person- or \$220 per four-some.

Checks should be made payable to Mountainlands Athletic League. Sent to Mountainlands Athletic League Association -P.O. Box 484, Springville, Utah 84663, Attention Linda or Brandee.

You don not need to purchase a mulligan; it is included in your entry fee.

Thank you! On behalf of the youth that benefit from this great program, we thank you for your support.

If you have any questions please contact Linda Campbell @801-491-0118 or Brandee Nuzman@801-491-0100

Twelfth Annual
GOLF SCRAMBLE
August 25, 2006
REGISTRATION FORM

Today's Date: _____

Check One:

Individual ☐ Team ☐

T-Shirt Size
(Check one size for each Team Member)

Name(s)

1) _____ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL ☐ 3X ☐

2) _____ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL ☐ 3X ☐

3) _____ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL ☐ 3X ☐

4) _____ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL ☐ 3X ☐

Contact Person _____ Phone Number _____

Payment Method: Make checks and money orders payable to **Mountainlands Athletic League Association**

Check One: Fill in amount paid: (Fee: \$220/Team or \$55/Individual)

Check ☐ Amount Paid \$ _____

Cash ☐ Amount Paid \$ _____

Money Order ☐ Amount Paid \$ _____

Other Donation (please specify): _____

Thank you again for you support!!!!

Please send completed form and payment to:

Mountainlands Athletic League Association
P.O. Box 484
Springville, UT 84663-0484

Or, fax to (801) 489-9004 Attention: Linda Campbell and please specify when payment will be received.

For questions about signing up, please call

Linda Campbell at 491-0118, or Brandee Nuzman 491-0100.